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BEFORE BREAKFAST.

Great is the lamentation among the representatives of culture and particularly of musical taste in this city because the tickets to the Gullman concert are exhausted and Mr. Pennington is unable to secure more than 200 owing to the fact that the First Methodist church in Wilkes-Barre is not infinite in capacity and that the people down there know a good thing when they have it. As early as last Friday night Mr. Pennington was unable to supply the demand made by those eager to hear the world renowned composer. It is a pleasure to note that his pupil, Mr. Pennington, of whom Scranton is justly proud, proposes to mark his illustrious mentor's visit to this region in a fitting manner even if our people were too anaesthetic to seize upon the opportunity of securing a concert date. Accordingly it has been arranged to hold a reception for Mr. Gullman Saturday morning from 10.30 to 11.30 in the Benson Conservatory of Music, when pupils and their friends are invited to be present.

Miss Edith Norton has been accompanying the ever popular Lotus Glee club recently with great success. At her appearance in Camden last week, the Camden Daily Courier says the following in its laudatory words: "The concluding entertainment in the Central Young Men's Christian association's course was given in the First Presbyterian church last night, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the big audience that attended. The Lotus Glee club furnished the musical part of the program and did it so well as to receive an encore for every number. Miss Edith M. Norton, the pianist, was the other highlight of the entertainment and not only received an encore for each appearance but was accorded double encore. Most admirably did she recite from Dickens' 'Nicholas Nickleby' the exciting story of Nicholas' departure from Dothboys' Hall. Miss Norton is one of the best pianists that has ever visited Camden and we had some good ones—and a reappearance on the next course would be a pleasure."

The Old Whist club will hold its annual meeting Saturday afternoon at the rooms in the Meurs building, when it will be decided as to what shall be done with the funds in the treasury. Many of the ladies are in favor of leaving some tangible memorial of the existence of the club in a handsome trophy which may be conserved for during an extended series of games by teams of ladies or gentlemen, both local and non-resident.

The Evening News, of Hot Springs, Ark., thus announces the arrival at that place of ex-Sheriff Robinson and the party of Elks who left here last week for that place: "On the arrival of the noon train to Hot Springs, the combined brass bands of the Arrington and Eastman hotels filled the atmosphere with sweet musical selections such as only can be rendered by those famous bands, and fully a hundred local Elks were waiting to accord a party of distinguished Elks from Scranton, Pa., a hearty welcome. After the party alighted from the train they were immediately taken charge of by the committee and escorted to the Hotel Eastman, where sumptuous luncheon had been spread for the wearied party. The following composed the party and will receive marked attention during their brief sojourn in the Valley of Vapors, noted the world over for its genuine hospitality: Senator Charles A. Stadler, New York; T. H. Dale, Dr. Weiland, Philip Robinson, Peter Zeigler, Charles Robinson, C. D. Newman, Charles H. Miller, Frank Thompson, R. T. Gould, Victor Krosch, Charles of John H. Thomas, all of Scranton." On the night of the arrival of the visitors a ball was given in their honor.

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DUTIES OF GUARDSMEN.

They Can Be Ordered Outside of the State by the President.

The following letter was received by the editor of The Tribune yesterday:

Approximate of the present war feeling throughout the country, the question of raising troops was the topic of a heated debate between a party of gentlemen. By some it was claimed that the Pennsylvania militia could be ordered outside of the state, and by others it was held that they could not be taken outside the state except upon re-enlistment. A little enlightenment on this subject would be appreciated by a large number of your readers.

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A governor by himself has no authority to order state troops outside of the domain over which he governs. It is the president's right to send troops into a state unless the state authorities appeal to the president for aid in putting down lawlessness. When the president is appealed to he can order the National Guard of any state to the aid of the state which has appealed to him. He can also order the National Guard of his commonwealth to some distant part of the Union.

ANOTHER WILL CONTEST.

Slighted Brother of the Late J. T. Hopkins Makes a Kick.

Proceedings to break the will of the late John T. Hopkins, the West Market street merchant who died Feb. 7 last, were yesterday instituted by one of the decedent's brothers, Thomas Hopkins, who was slighted in the will. He alleges that the deceased was of unsound mind when he made the will and therefore incapacitated from making a legal instrument.

To Annie Morgan, a niece of the deceased, was bequeathed all the household and personal effects, and Sarah Richards, the decedent's sister, was jointly given the store and all property, real, personal and mixed not specially devised.

To his brothers, Benjamin and William, and his sister, Gertrude Herbart, he gives \$200 each and directs that \$200 be distributed among the children of his deceased sister, Mary Williams. To his brother, Thomas, who is now contesting, he bequeaths \$100 only and stipulates that he shall receive \$5 of it every year until the decedent's death, \$5 a month for nine months thereafter, and the remaining \$50 to be reserved by the executor for Thomas' funeral expenses.

The will is dated April 27, 1887, and was witnessed by Joseph Humphrey and Thomas Bowen. Thomas R. Simms is named as executor.

At the direction of Vosburg & Dawson, attorneys for the contesting brother, a citation was issued on the executor to show reasons why the bequest should not be revoked and the probate of the will annulled. It is made returnable March 18.

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR.

He Has Approved the Seventeenth District Main Sewer Contract.

Among a number of ordinances and resolutions signed by Mayor Bailey yesterday was one authorizing the city engineer to award a contract for building the seventeenth district main sewer at \$2.65 per lineal foot and furnishing extra basins and manholes at \$65 and \$50 each respectively; providing for a sewer on Scranton street; authorizing payment to B. D. Martin for grading work on Prescott avenue; directing the city engineer to confer with Scranton Railway company officials relative to the building of a street railway viaduct on West Lackawanna avenue.

ANOTHER BOWLING CONTEST.

Elk and Backus Clubs Will Again Try Conclusions.

Tonight will commence a second tournament between the Elk and Backus bowling clubs. The first half of five games will be played at the Elk's alleys, and the second half will be played at the Backus alleys next week.

Reduction in Sheet Music.

\$1.00 pieces reduced to .....40c  
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50c pieces reduced to .....20c  
40c pieces reduced to .....15c  
Other prices reduced in proportion. Mail orders 2c per copy extra for postage.

DIED.

De LACY.—In Scranton, Feb. 22, Mary Teresa, daughter of Thomas and Mary De Lacy, of Broadway, aged 2 years. Funeral tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Interment in Hyde Park cemetery.

HOW THE QUESTION SHOULD BE SETTLED

"Coals of Fire" Method Proposed at the Anti-War Meeting.

THEY WERE SINCERE, AT LEAST

In Response for a Call for a Meeting of All Citizens Interested in Averting a War with Spain Twelve Men Gather in All Souls' Church and Say Things—Demonstrations of Another Character Elsewhere.

If there is any great number of persons, hereabouts, interested in the averting of war with Spain, it was not evidenced by the attendance at the meeting called to consider means to that end, at All Souls' Universalist church, Pine street, last night.

There were just twelve men present by actual count, not including a Tribune reporter who was there for punctuation. Owing to the small attendance the projector of the meeting, Thomas L. Stewart, suggested a postponement but Rev. F. W. Whipple, pastor of the church and others thought that no harm would be done by an informal discussion of the matter in hand, so the meeting was proceeded with.

At Mr. Whipple's suggestion, Mr. Stewart outlined the idea he had in mind when he was prompted to call the meeting. Mr. Stewart did it. It was this: The time will come when nations shall no more learn war. The United States is big enough and now in a position to take the initiative in bringing about this condition. No matter what the outcome of the Maine inquiry should be the United States should refrain from asking indemnity from Spain and should out of its bounty put a stop to the hostilities in Cuba by floating a bond issue and buying from Spain the freedom of the Cubans. Reconciliation only brings peace. By one noble grand Christian act the government could avert the imminent untold bloodshed and set an example that would revolutionize the civilized world.

PROPOSITION DISCUSSED.

Several of those present after a long silence entered into a calm discussion of the proposition. The general trend of opinion was that this would be a grand and laudable act. It would be commensurate but no one treated it from a practical standpoint.

There was one, however, who did not believe with Mr. Stewart. He asked "Would you favor letting all criminals go unpunished?" No one answered; not even Mr. Benjamin.

U. S. Benjamin thought that Spain could be dealt with on a sort of "coals of fire" plan. "Take no notice of the blowing up of the Maine, show no resentful spirit and do you think Spain would blow up any more of our ships?" No, indeed, remarked Mr. Benjamin. L. J. Richards thought Spain would blow up our ships as long as it had powder to do it with. If the United States displayed the spirit that would blow up Spain, Mr. Benjamin thought differently. "It wouldn't blow up many," he contended himself with saying.

"Why, the whole world would laugh at us if we should pursue such a course," said Richards.

"Just as I would laugh at you," rejoined Mr. Stewart, "if I saw you turning your other cheek after a man had slapped you. You would, nevertheless, be following the divine command."

The reporter left at this juncture to look up a report that the military company was being recruited in Green Ridge.

ONLY PARTLY TRUE.

The report of a military company being formed proved, upon investigation, to be only partly true. T. B. Hughes and one or two others, just to test the feeling of the neighbors, resolved upon circulating a paper to ascertain how many would volunteer to take up arms at a call of the president. In one hour's time, without going off Dickson avenue, they obtained the signatures of 119 able-bodied men.

Hyde Park has it, too. There were only six of them and none of them was over twelve years of age, but they looked real formidable as they paraded Jackson street during the early evening, attired in vari-colored and many-shaped Sunday school entertainment costumes and bearing tin swords and wooden guns. It wouldn't do for Spain to go past their coal sheds.

TRUSTEES MEET TODAY.

Ways and Means for Securing New Armory Will Be Discussed.

The agitation for a new thirtieth regiment armory has reached a point where the trustees of the regiment see the possibility of bringing the matter about. They will meet at 11 o'clock this morning in the office of Colonel H. M. Boies, in the Commonwealth building.

The trustees are Colonel Herman Osthaus, Colonel E. H. Ripple, Colonel H. M. Boies, Major W. S. Millar and Captain James Mohr. The deplorable condition of the present tumble-down structure in which is quartered the command which ranks next to the first of the regiments of the state, and the fear of serious interference by the rank and file in the regiment's welfare was described at length in an issue of The Tribune last week. The committee favored the publication of the article with individual resolutions.

HE WANTED THE LIGHTNING ROD.

Independent Polish Church in an Arbitrary Suit.

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mittee in testifying on this point, said he was positive that the lightning rod was not to be left out, because he remembered having spoken to the pastor, Rev. Frank Hudak, on this subject. "Don't forget," he said, "to get the lightning rod, because the church is on an exposed hill, and if the lightning should strike it, the other Polish church people, our enemies, would say it was a visitation of Providence."

DEATH FROM POISON.

Post-Mortem by Coroner Longstreet Shows That Remington's Stomach Was Eaten Through.

Corrosive poison caused the death of Paul Remington, a middle-aged man, who died under suspicious circumstances early Tuesday morning in the Lackawanna hospital. That was determined in a post-mortem examination by Coroner Longstreet in the presence of a jury at the hospital yesterday afternoon.

Remington boarded on Raymond street and Spruce and Linden streets. Dr. Webb, of the hospital, was summoned to see him last week. Remington said he had swallowed a mixture of saltpetre and water in mistake for epsom salts. The contents of the stomach were pumped out and the proper remedies prescribed.

On the following day, Wednesday, Remington applied for admission to the hospital, and was received there. He grew worse on Saturday and died early Tuesday morning.

The autopsy showed a highly ulcerated condition of the stomach. The mucous membrane was eaten through to the muscular structure and gave ample evidence that saltpetre or some other corrosive poison had caused death. The stomach was removed and given to Chemist Benjamin for analysis. Remington had no immediate family. The body was surrendered to the friends with whom he boarded.

OBSERVANCE OF ASH WEDNESDAY.

Ash Wednesday was appropriately observed in the Catholic and Episcopal churches of the city yesterday. In St. Peter's cathedral masses were celebrated at 6.30, 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning. Before the 8 o'clock mass, which was celebrated by Rev. J. A. O'Reilly, the ashes were blessed. After mass they were distributed by Rev. J. A. O'Reilly, Rev. D. J. MacGouldrick and Rev. J. B. Peely.

Last evening a sermon was preached at the cathedral by Rev. James Shanley, of Dickson City, who took for his text the words, "Now is the acceptable time; this is the day of salvation." From this text Father Shanley preached a beautiful discourse, urging his hearers not to neglect this period of grace when the sinner is strongly urged to forsake the path of evil. The sermon was followed by benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Friday evening there will be stations of the cross, followed by benediction. Every Wednesday evening during Lent there will be a sermon at the cathedral and every Friday evening there will be stations of the cross.

PATRIOTIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

Gave Three Rousing Cheers for the Father of Their Country.

When the pupils of the High school were dismissed at 10 o'clock yesterday over one hundred of them formed in procession and marched to the Washington monument at Washington avenue and Linden street, where they gathered around the statue and gave three rousing cheers for the father of their country.

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Tuxedo Sugar Peas, 15c can, \$1.75 doz.  
Coursen's Fancy Sugar Peas, 19c can, \$2.25 doz.  
French Peas, 15c, \$1.50 doz.  
Mushrooms, 20c and 25c; fancy stock.  
50 cases Watched Tomatoes, 90c doz.

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MANY SCRANTON GROCERS ARRESTED

Charged by State Officials with Selling Adulterated Goods.

WHOLESALE FIRM FINED \$50 A PIECE

Seven Firms Obligated to Pay the Penalty—Costs Are Imposed on Twenty-three Retailers—The Latter Will Collect Their Penalties from the Wholesalers, the Wholesalers from the Jobbers and Importers—Agent Simmers Will Continue His Work in This City.

For selling adulterated goods seven wholesale grocers and twenty-three retailers were arraigned before Alderman Millar yesterday afternoon. The wholesalers were fined \$50 each and the retailers were discharged on payment of the costs in the respective cases against them.

Attorney J. H. Shoemaker, of Philadelphia, was present to prosecute the cases for Levi Wells, of Harrisburg, dairy and food commissioner, and Robert Simmers, of Phoenixville, special agent. Mr. Wells and Mr. Simmers were also present.

The hearing of the cases against the wholesalers was behind closed doors and in Alderman Millar's private office. The cases against the retailers were disposed of in the public court room.

It was proved through Professor Wells, the chemist employed at the High school, that goods sold by the wholesalers had been adulterated. Pepper contained ground cocoon nut shell; coffee contained roasted peas, while ginger, cream of tartar and other grocery products, it was proved, were not pure.

According to a statement made by Attorney Shoemaker there was hardly a wholesale or retail grocery dealer in the city who had not been selling, unconsciously perhaps, impure staple groceries.

It is the purpose of Agent Simmers to return to Scranton early next month and prosecute other dealers whose goods are now being analyzed by the chemist, Professor Wells. Those who have already been arraigned before Alderman Millar will not be immune from re-arrest. There will be prosecutions in Scranton, Agent Simmers says, as long as adulterated goods are sold here.

It was remarked yesterday by those connected with the prosecution that the penalties imposed upon the wholesalers would probably be charged by the latter against the importers and jobbers from whom they purchased the goods. Retailers would, it was said, hold the wholesalers responsible for fines imposed on the former. Thus, the source of the trouble, the importers and jobbers, would have to guarantee the absolute purity of their goods or not make any sales.

THE PARIS EXPOSITION.

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